

HCS SB 228 -- TOURISM TAX

SPONSOR: Griesheimer (Sutherland)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 16 to 0.

This substitute allows the City of Warrenton to levy a room tax on hotels and motels in an amount between 2% and 5% per night, upon voter approval.

The substitute also allows Shannon County, upon voter approval, to levy a tax no greater than 5% on lodging, campgrounds, canoe rental, and trail rides.

All revenues derived from these taxes must be used for the promotion of tourism.

FISCAL NOTE: Not available at time of printing.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that voters want a tax to promote tourism in their communities.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Griesheimer.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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